worth of tapioca per week per family so that it would be possible for the fishermen to subsist. A Member of the Board of Revenue has also visited the affected areas. The Collector had begun on 19th March 1962 the system of subsidies, giving each large family with more than six members, 2 measures of rice and 50 naye Paise worth of tapioca and every small family with less than six members, $1\frac{1}{2}$ measures of rice and 37 naye Paise worth of tapioca per week on cards distributed for this purpose. The total expenditure incurred by the Government on account of the sanction of the relief measures comes to Rs. 1,31,000.

In the coastal villages in Tirunelveli district also the fishermen were representing about the scarcity conditions and the Collector of Tirunelveli investigated the position. Nineteen fishermen villages in the coast were affected. Eighteen fishermen Co-operative Societies cover these villages. The fishermen contacted by the Collector did not want feeding centres or any dole. On the suggestion of the Collector, 18 fair price shops have been opened in these villages and entrusted to the Fishermen Co-operative Societies and rice is distributed through these shops at 1 Mdaras Measure per day. The Government are examining other proposals for affording relief to the fishermen by way of postponement of the collection of instalments of loans granted to the fishermen, the supply of charkas to the fisherwomen and the taking up of the road works in the coastal area so as to provide employment to such of those fishermen as are willing to work. The Collector has already instructed the Panchayat Union Commissioners to take up the execution of all programmed road works in the coastal area.

The Government hope that with the above measures the fishermen families will tide over the lean period and with the approach of the good season for fishing, normal conditous will return. The Government are watching the situation.

VI.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS.

(1) ELECTION OF NINE MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I move—

'That, with reference to rule 156 of the Madras Legislative Council Rules, this Council do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. Chairman to elect nine members to be members of the Committee of Privileges for the financial year 1962-63.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is—

'That, with reference to rule 156 of the Madras Legislative Council Rules, this Council, do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. Chairman to elect nine members to be members of the Committee of Privileges for the financial year 1962-63.

The motion was put and carried.

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MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to inform the House that in accordance with the Regulation 2 (1) framed for the holding of elections according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferrable vote, I fix the following programme for election of nine members to the Committee of Privileges for the financial year 1962-63 :—

Time and date for the receipt of nominations.	4 p.m. on 25th April 1962.
Time and date for the scrutiny of nominations.	12 noon on 26th April 1962.
Time and date for the withdrawal of nominations.	4 p.m. on the 26th April 1962.
Poll, if necessary	On the 27th April 1962.

Nomination forms can be had from the Secretary.

(2) ELECTION OF SIX MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I move—

'That, with reference to rule 173 of the Madras Legislative Council Rules, the Council do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. Chairman to elect six members to be members of the House Committee for the financial year 1962-63'.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is—

'That, with reference to rule 173 of the Madras Legislative Council Rules, the Council do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. Chairman to elect six members to be members of the House Committee for the financial year 1962-63'.

The motion was put and carried.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to inform the House that in accordance with the Regulation 2 (1) framed for the holding of elections according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferrable vote, I fix the following programme for the election of six members to the House Committee for the financial year 1962-63 :—

Time and date for the receipt of nominations.	5 p.m. on the 25th April 1962.
Time and date for the scrutiny of nominations.	1 p.m. on the 26th April 1962.
Time and date for the withdrawal of nominations.	5 p.m. on 26th April 1962.
Poll, if necessary	On 27th April 1962.

Nomination forms can be had from the Secretary.

VII.—DISCUSSION ON THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS[a].

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now we will commence the discussion on the Governor's address.

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a Printed as Appendix II on pages 65-68 infra.